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1. The report that 14,000 freight cars have been requisitioned by the Russians for transfer to the east is either incorrect or at least exaggerated. The number of cars would represent almost 20% of the total number of cars in usable condition in the Russian zone (85,493 cars as of 1 February 1952). A further statement that 4,500 SS-type heavy-duty cars are to be included seems impossible since, according to the best information, only about 2,200 cars of these types exist.
2. Any shipment of such cars via Görlitz or Scheune is unlikely in view of the fact that there is still no railroad bridge at Görlitz and that Scheune is used exclusively for shipments to the free port at Stettin (usual traffic, one train per day carrying cement, potash, and fuel).
3. A considerable number of empty cars have been dispatched toward the east, but not so many as rumored. About 8,400 cars were sent between early January and the middle of February; some of these are being used for the import of 430,000 tons of grain, which began about 11 January and is to be completed in June 1952. Cars used for grain shipments are disinfected prior to use and equipped with board partitions to form separate compartments.

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